

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An alkaline lipase having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5.

2. (Original) A polynucleotide comprising a sequence encoding an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5.

3. (Original) The polyucleotide of claim 2, comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

4. (Original) The polyucleotide of claim 2, comprising nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NO: 2 and SEQ ID NO: 4.

5. (Original) The polyucleotide of claim 2, comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

6. (Original) A recombinant vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 2.

7. (Original) The recombinant vector of claim 6, wherein the recombinant vector is pHL1, pHBL29 or pHAAH38.

8. (Currently Amended) A transformed host cell transformed by the recombinant vector of claim 6-~~or~~7.

9. (Original) The transformed host cell of claim 8, wherein the transformed host cell is *Escherichia coli*.

10. (Original) The transformed host cell of claim 9, wherein the transformed host cell is HB101 (pHL1).

11. (Original) A method of producing an alkaline lipase comprising culturing the transformed host cell of claim 8.

12. (Original) A detergent comprising the alkaline lipase of claim 1.

13. (New) The transformed host cell of claim 8, wherein the recombinant vector is pHL1, pHLB29 or pHAAH38.